

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 9, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

A standby stage 110 is mounted as an annex to the main stage 102. The standby stage 110 includes a rail section 112 and a carrier 114 supported thereto. The carrier 114 is guided along the rail section 112, so that the stand-by stage 110 can be moved toward or away from the main stage ~~110~~ 102.

Please replace paragraph 3 on page 10, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

A disc-shaped cutting blade ~~12~~ 14 is mounted to the cutting unit 124. The cutting blade 14 has a cutting edge 14A along the whole circumference, the cutting edge being ground sharply.